

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ARTICLES 1.4.8., 1.5.2., 2.1.4., 4.2.3. AND 4.6.3.  
AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE PROPOSED NEW DEFINITION OF ‘VECTOR’**

CHAPTER 1 . 4 .

**AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE**

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Article 1.4.8.

Therefore, it should be chosen taking into account factors such as ~~carriers~~, reservoirs, vectors, immune status, genetic resistance and age, sex, and other host criteria.

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CHAPTER 1 . 5 .

**CRITERIA FOR LISTING SPECIES AS  
SUSCEPTIBLE  
TO INFECTION WITH A SPECIFIC PATHOGEN**

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Article 1.5.2.

**Scope**

Susceptibility may include clinical or non-clinical *infection* but does not include ~~mechanical vectors (i.e. species that may carry the *pathogenic agent* without replication).~~

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## CHAPTER 2.1.

### IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS

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Article 2.1.4.

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#### 2. Exposure assessment

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##### b) Country factors

- Presence of potential vectors or intermediate hosts
- *Aquatic animal* demographics (e.g. presence of known susceptible and carrier species, distribution).

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## CHAPTER 4.2.

### APPLICATION OF COMPARTMENTALISATION

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Article 4.2.3.

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#### 2. Infrastructural factors

Structural aspects of an *establishment* or *establishments* within a *compartment* contribute to the effectiveness of its *biosecurity*. Consideration should be given to:

- a) water supply;
  - b) effective means of physical separation;
  - c) facilities for people entry including access control;
  - d) *vehicle* and vessel access including washing and *disinfection* procedures;
  - e) unloading and loading facilities;
  - f) isolation facilities for introduced *aquatic animals*;
  - g) facilities for the introduction of material and equipment;
  - h) infrastructure to store *feed* and veterinary products;
  - i) disposal of *aquatic animal* waste;
  - j) measures to prevent exposure to fomites, ~~mechanical or biological~~ vectors;
  - k) feed supply/source.
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## CHAPTER 4.6.

### FALLOWING IN AQUACULTURE

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Article 4.6.3.

**Technical parameters for the implementation of a statutory fallowing plan**

*Fallowing* of a farm should start immediately after:

- 1) removal of all *susceptible species* of *aquatic animals* for the *disease* of concern; and
- 2) removal of all species capable of acting as ~~carriers~~ vectors of the *disease* of concern; and

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